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SUBJECT: U.S.-SAUDI RELATIONS

1. REQUEST YOU USE APPROPRIATE OCCASION IN YOUR CONTACTS WITH EITHER PRINCE FAHD, FOREIGN MINISTER PRINCE SAUD, OR BOTH, TO CONVEY THE FOLLOWING: BOTH PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE ARE FOLLOWING WITH GREAT INTEREST AND APPRECIATION THE CONSTRUCTIVE SAUDI CONTRIBUTION TO A NUMBER OF ISSUES TO WHICH USG, LIKE SAG, ATTACHES MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

(A) PARTICULARLY CRUCIAL IS THE CONSISTENT SAUDI EFFORT TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO, AND A MOMENTUM TOWARD, A JUST AND GENUINE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN THIS REGARD WE SEE BASIC U.S. AND SAUDI OBJECTIVES AS PARALLEL AND LOOK FORWARD TO CLOSEST CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION IN ACHIEVING

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THE GOAL OF PEACE.

(B) USG ALSO NOTES THE CONSTANCY OF SAUDI CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE AND ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF NEIGHBORING STATES IN THE PENINSULA AND GULF, IN THE ARAB MIDDLE EAST, AND IN THE HORN OF AFRICA. SAUDI LEADERS ARE AWARE THAT USG SHARES THEIR CONCERN FOR THE POLITICAL TRANQUILITY OF THESE REGIONS.

USG APPRECIATES OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE WITH SAG PERCEPTIONS OF DEVELOPMENTS. WE ARE GRATIFIED BY INCREASING SAUDI ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION IN THE HORN OF AFRICA AND RED SEA LITTORAL AND AGREE WITH SAG THAT THE SITUATION THERE REQUIRES CLOSE ATTENTION. WE RECOGNIZE THE SUBSTANTIAL CAPABILITY OF SAUDI ARABIA TO FOSTER MODERATION IN THIS AREA AS WELL AS THE PENINSULA AND ARAB MIDDLE EAST.

(C) THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY CONTINUE TO VIEW WITH APPRECIATION THE SUSTAINED DEDICATION OF THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT TO THE HEALTH OF WORLD ECONOMY. THE USG IS KEENLY AWARE OF SAUDI ARABIA'S DESIRE TO CONTRIBUTE TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LOOKS FORWARD TO INCREASING COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS IN THIS REGARD IN THE YEARS AHEAD. AT THE SAME TIME USG IS IMPRESSED BY THE COOPERATIVE SAUDI ATTITUDE TOWARD MATTERS OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC INTEREST, DEMONSTRATED (FOR EXAMPLE) BY SAUDI UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCERNS AND CRITERIA WHICH GUIDE THE ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION WITH REGARD TO CURRENT CONSIDERATION BY THE CONGRESS OF NEW LEGISLATION ON THE BOYCOTT ISSUE.

(D) PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY LOOK FORWARD WITH DEEP ANTICIPATION TO PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THESE AND OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES IN WHICH WE HAVE A COMMON INTEREST. AS DATE FOR VISIT DRAWS CLOSER, WE WILL APPRECIATE THE SAG'S VIEWS ON THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON WHICH THESE DISCUSSIONS MOST USEFULLY MIGHT FOCUS.

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